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## **AMENDMENT AND REPLY**

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 16, 2002, in the above-identified application. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

Please enter the following amendments and remarks.

# **AMENDMENTS**

## In the Claims

Please amend Claims 1, 2, 13, 19 and 20 as follows. Amendments to the claims are indicated in the attached "Marked Up Version of Amendments" (pages i - iii).

- 1. (Three Times Amended) A method for determining the conformational state of a protein, comprising the steps of:
  - a) contacting a protein with a labelled first binding partner which binds to said protein in a manner dependent on the conformational state of said



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### TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed for filing in the above-identified patent application, please find the following documents:

- 1. Response to Office Action mailed December 16, 2002;
- 2. Return Post Card.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment in the total fees to Deposit Account No. 16-0085, Reference No. 10069/1170. A duplicate of this transmittal letter is enclosed for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted.

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